attention of Government for the past several years. The mantap was inspected about four months ago by the Executive Engineer of the Shimoga Division. It is prayed that early action may be taken for the preservation of this ancient monument from ruins.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 530.

Restoration of the temple of Sri Venkataramanadevaru at Pillangere.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This temple is held in high reverence by the public. The structure was demolished some years ago, and has not yet been rebuilt. Work was commenced some time ago but was abruptly stopped. As sufficient funds are available at the credit of the institution, it is prayed that the work may be started and completed early.

Reply of Government.—The Public Works Department where the question is said to be pending will be asked to expedite.

SUBJECT No. 531.

Accommodation for the third class passengers at Birur.

Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk; A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar taluk and K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The third class passengers who travel by the night train from Shimoga in the direction of Poona and *vice versa* are at present without any sort of shelter at the Birur station, being exposed to the tender mercies of the elements. This longstanding complaint may be kindly redressed early by the construction of a waiting room for the use of third class passengers at this station.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department (Railways) for necessary action.

SUBJECT No. 532.

Conveyance of merchandise and passanger traffic by the Manganese Light Railway between Shimoga and Choradi.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar taluk

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for the conveyance of general merchandise by means of the Manganese Light Railway from Choradi to Shimoga and *vice versa*, as the step will be very useful to promote trade in the malnad. Facilities may also be granted to the Company to convey passengers from Shimoga to Choradi.

Reply of Government.—Will be inquired into.

SUBJECT No. 533.

Re-establishment of the post office at Tavarekere.

Mr Nadig Appajaiya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There was an old *anche* office at Tavarekere, and after amalgamation of the *anche* department with the postal department, a branch post office existed there till about two years ago. People of Tavarekere and other surrounding villages are now obliged to go every day to Bukkambudi either to post or to get their letters. This is found highly inconvenient by all business men. That one village postman can effectively deliver letters in 40 villages twice a week is an impossibility, and several letters are now returned as undelivered on the score of the addressees not being found. As Tavarekere is now rising in importance owing to the existence of a school, police station, forest office and depot